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[08:00:55.00]
intro to video

[08:01:34.10]
"PWD Motion Picture Inc, LTC presents the Battle of Hue" (S. Vietnamese produced documentary), credits

[08:01:54.24]
soldiers running out of bombed building, explosions, buildings with sandbags piled up

[08:02:17.22]
soldiers picking debris out of trench, jungle, Citadel

[08:02:31.22]
North Vietnamese soldiers, smoking, on phone, patrolling

[08:03:07.16]
soldiers walking through street

[08:03:23.08]
soldiers converse, view from entrance of Citadel toward bridge

[08:03:37.12]
walking across bridge, gate in FG, soldier looking into distance

[08:03:48.11]
people of Hue leaving

[08:03:56.13]
soldiers going from house to house, unlocking door

[08:04:15.17]
refugees running down street, soldiers patrolling

[08:04:28.29]

battalion commander, empty streets, burning houses

[08:04:46.11]

airplane, burning houses, patrols

[08:05:09.16]

refugees with their belongings

[08:05:19.21]

ARVN troops returning fire, jet fire support

[08:05:50.17]

machine gun firing in street, jet overhead, explosion

[08:06:23.26]

Marines cross street from trench, running along edge of street

[08:06:37.21]

checking map, fighting from inside buildings

[08:07:10.17]

shooting through windows

[08:07:36.04]

soldiers in street, checking map,

[08:07:46.28]

approaching Citadel stronghold, running along wall

[08:08:14.16]

dead bodies, machine guns, rocket launchers

[08:08:49.25]

dead body, weapons, ammo

[08:08:58.15]

wall of Citadel with troops climbing around

[08:09:10.29]

aerial view of bombed Pal du Mer (?) bridge, aerial views of bombed out city

[08:09:34.15]

refugees running down Tran Hung Dao street

[08:09:58.27]

carrying a woman on make-shift stretcher, refugees

[08:10:14.17]

caring for wounded, leaving Hue

[08:10:35.09]

floating bridge, refugees crossing river

[08:11:03.04]

refugees with belongings

[08:11:23.16]

refugees on street, graves

[08:11:56.06]

tank fires on buildings, explosions, Marines march in

[08:12:28.00]

landing craft, troops, gunfight from boat and riverside

[08:12:48.06]

aerial view of river, boats arriving with troops

[08:13:11.08]

helicopters landing at Val Ven, soldiers loading supplies on helicopter

[08:13:41.10]

artillery being lifted onto helicopter

[08:13:50.11]

refugee center gate with barbed wire fence

[08:14:00.21]

food, clothing and medicine being distributed to refugees

[08:14:30.22]

scooping rice out for refugees, old woman carries her supplies, young child eats

[08:15:02.16]

refugees cooking over fires on the ground, make-shift tents, medical personnel checking out refugees

[08:15:23.26]

Aerial views of Hue

[08:15:51.26]

"The End"

[08:16:12.03]

black

[08:16:17.25]

ship deck flooded, tanker and truck drive through muddy road,

[08:16:32.25]

soldiers running to hide behind trees and structures, shooting

[08:17:04.03]

gunfire, running to change positions on river bank

[08:17:25.12]

tank on bridge, empty shells thrown from tank

[08:18:13.28]

tank with houses in BG, soldiers on tank, firing

[08:18:24.12]

soldiers loading and firing shoulder mounted gun

[08:18:49.19]

soldiers marching through street, running across bridge

[08:19:06.15]

tank, pan to boats in water

[08:19:15.06]

tank, soldiers running past, soldier on tank talking on phone, signaling others to run

[08:19:34.21]

villagers with their belongings, wounded on stretchers heading down street

[08:19:43.23]

refugees gathered in street

[08:19:54.27]

tank on riverbank, missing it's track

[08:20:13.24]

forklift moving large crate

[08:20:26.18]

soldiers running toward building, tank coming down street

[08:20:36.03]

soldiers running down street, tank comes around the corner

[08:21:16.04]

mechanical mule carrying supplies, soldiers on alert

[08:21:37.23]

houses blown apart, soldier on mechanical mule

[08:21:43.07]

soldiers "clear and hold" in Hue

[08:21:56.26]

mechanical mule drives over rubble in street, soldiers run past

[08:22:25.18]

soldiers running through rubble, mechanical mule drives through loaded with soldiers

[08:22:53.01]

mechanical mule driving through destroyed street

[08:23:00.22]

soldier walks over rubble

[08:23:06.17]

destroyed house, rubble, bombed out building

[08:23:28.20]

soldiers unload stretcher from mechanical mule, tank rolls out

[08:23:56.27]

wounded soldier being transported on mechanical mule

[08:24:23.27]

truck backing up in street, soldier running down street carrying a wounded person on his back

[08:24:34.20]

helps wounded to truck bed, truck backs up down street

[08:24:47.29]

carrying wounded out of destroyed buildings, running through street

[08:25:06.22]

loading and firing M29

[08:26:11.29]

ship in river, soldiers next to ship

[08:26:24.26]

shooting, soldiers covering others running toward bombed house

[08:26:41.15]

search and destroy in town

[08:27:04.27]

shooting around corner of building, soldiers sitting against wall, running across yard

[08:27:24.05]

rubble

[08:27:53.26]

Vietnamese come out of building, walks down war torn street, rubble

[08:28:06.03]

Vietnamese standing at edge of building

[08:28:11.13]

bombed bridge with people on it, LST full of soldiers

[08:28:27.09]

LST in river

[08:28:44.02]

soldier on guard at crossroads, shooting

[08:28:54.10]

shooting Howitzer

[08:29:10.02]

vehicle drives by, soldiers run down street

[08:29:16.28]

soldiers getting equipment ready, soldiers move around bushes on street

[08:29:27.24]

tank rolls through, black smoke comes from tank

[08:29:58.20]

soldier laying in ditch looks around corner with binoculars, tank, soldier runs back through ditch

[08:30:07.10]

tanks destroys building and knocks down tree

[08:30:21.00]

tank turns corner, backs up, soldiers in FG

[08:30:48.18]

soldiers in bushes outside house, walking through rubble, running down street as other soldiers cover them

[08:31:15.16]

shooting in street

[08:31:48.24]

group of soldiers setting up table, standing behind it shooting

[08:32:06.06]

black

[08:32:14.14]

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[08:32:38.13]

refugees walking along path

[08:32:58.23]

refugees digging in sand, others look on

[08:33:25.16]

uncover bodies in sand

[08:33:58.17]

removing sand from around dead body, people looking on

[08:34:34.19]

bodies wrapped in plastic

[08:34:50.18]

grief stricken groups, moving dead bodies, incense sticks, group trying to determine identities

[08:35:26.20]

truck with sign in Vietnamese, men digging in ditch, dead bodies moved to plastic bags

[08:35:54.21]

dead body in bag, more dead bodies, group looks on

[08:36:11.13]

local authorities talking to groups of soldiers

[08:36:35.23]

sign on building, coffins lined up in a row, hammering coffin closed, incense sticks

[08:36:58.04]

women lighting incense, woman crying, putting a card on coffin

[08:37:13.08]

opening coffin for ID purposes

[08:37:29.02]

nailing coffin shut, rows of coffins, adding another coffin

[08:38:09.28]

woman weeping in front of table with dishes on it, woman crying

[08:38:26.18]

man lighting incense at altar, priest hitting bell

[08:38:43.21]

sign at entrance to village, funeral, putting papers on coffins with numbers on them

[08:39:16.19]

tying bamboo sticks to coffins, women wailing

[08:39:49.06]

carrying coffins out of gate

[08:40:19.08]

people lined up, coffins carried past

[08:40:41.21]

weeping women, village gate

[08:40:53.05]

funeral procession with band, people carrying coffins

[08:41:48.23]

sign in Vietnamese, funeral procession, many, many coffins

[08:42:29.17]

sign in Vietnamese, procession, groups of people

[08:43:00.08]

priests in procession, more people following

[08:43:14.07]

cemetery, altar, women wailing

[08:43:32.05]

lines of coffins, priests, men in civilian clothes, soldier speaking into mic at podium

[08:43:48.22]

lines of coffins, young woman speaks at podium, placing coffins in ground

[08:44:03.29]

wailing

[08:44:12.29]

large group gathered, pillar "To Quoc Chi Om",

[08:44:22.15]

"The End"

[08:44:28.04]

Tape ends